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The Honorable Thomas Vilsack
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Dear Secretary Vilsack:

During the Spring of 2009, the Relevancy and Adequacy Subcommittee of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board conducted its mandated annual review of the relevancy and adequacy of funding for the agricultural research, extension, education and economic activities conducted by the Department.

Enclosed for your consideration is copy of the Board's final report on this subject matter area. We believe the report is straightforward and self-explanatory; however, if you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me. The Board also believes that the suggestions offered will help to improve the Department's research, extension, education and economics initiatives.

As always, I remain available to discuss our Board's activities with you at any time.

Sincerely,



Martin A. Massengale
Chair

Enclosure: Advisory Board Report with Recommendations on the Relevancy and Adequacy of Funding in the REE Mission Area

cc: Deputy Secretary Merrigan
Acting Under Secretary for REE Smith
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